

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: Rutten et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN ELONGATED IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

Serial No.: 09/934,189

Filed: August 21, 2001



**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8** I hereby certify that this **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT** and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

Molly Chlebeck  
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 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Applicant hereby petitions for months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

March 6, 2003

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-33 and 42-54.

REMARKS

The traversal is based on applicants' understanding that there is no undue burden imposed on the Examiner to examine the subject application as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rutten et al.  
By their attorneys,

Date

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